



# Fernielea Primary School

## Travel Plan

### 2019

#### About Our School

Fernielea Primary School is situated on Stronsay Place in Aberdeen. Fernielea School serves the Summerhill area of Aberdeen City. The school roll is currently 326 pupils. We have two Early Learning Classes and 11 primary classes. Fernielea has cycle/ scooter racks situated at the front of the school, in the upper stage's playground. There is also a cycle/ scooter rack in the other playground, at the infant entrance to the school. There are lots of fantastic walking and cycling routes to our school which we would like to encourage more people to use.

#### What is a travel plan?

A travel plan is a document which encourages people to travel to our school in an eco-friendly, healthy and safe way. This travel plan supports walking and cycling as the most eco-friendly, active and safe way to travel to our school.

There are many benefits of walking and cycling to school:

- **Safety:** More people cycling and walking to school means less cars on the road and around the school gate making it a much safer environment for everyone.
- **Eco-Friendly:** By walking or cycling to school we are helping the environment and improving the air quality around our school.
- **Fitness:** If you walk or cycle to school it is a good way for everyone in the family to get exercise and provide health benefits for the whole family.

**We want to create safer journeys for people travelling to and from Fernielea Primary School.**

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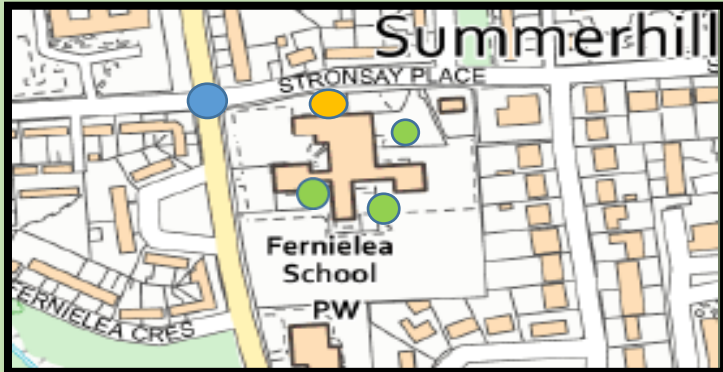
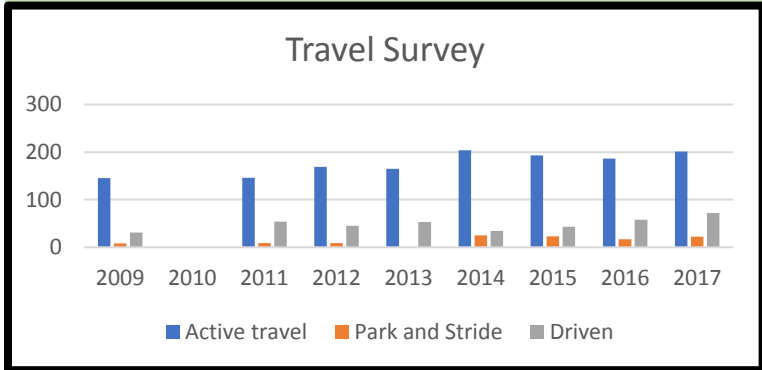
## Action Plan To create safer journeys for people travelling to and from Fernielea Primary School.

Action	How can we achieve this	Who is responsible	Timescale
Encourage safe, sustainable and active travel to school.	Keep promoting national events such as Walk to School Week, bike week, road safety week. Continue with our bikeability program.	Everyone	February 2020
Encourage safe and responsible parking outside school.	Communicate with parents over appropriate parking locations in order to create a safer school gate environment.	HT/ Transport Group	February 2020
Monitor travel to school.	Take part in annual Hands Up Survey and review travel patterns during the course of the year.	HT/Transport Group.	February 2020

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# Our Travel Data

Each year, Fernielea conducts a travel survey. The results are in the table above. Blue shows active travel which includes walking, cycling and scooting. These levels have risen since 2009 and over the last four years have begun to steady out. There has been a slight increase in driving levels from 2014-2017.



To the left you can see a section of a map around Fernielea School. The **blue** dot shows the traffic lights next to the school where families should cross along with the lollipop person. The **orange** dot shows the car park for staff and visitors. The **green** dots show our cycle and scooter racks located in both school playgrounds. There are yellow zig zag lines at the front and side of the school. If parking around the school, please consider where you are parking. Park responsibly and do not leave your car in any location that may endanger others.

### **Tips to keep you safe when walking to school:**

- Plan your route to school first. Discuss this with an adult. There are many paths within the area with crossing facilities – pelican and a patroller/lollipop person. Always cross with the patroller/lollipop person on Stronsay Place. Make use of these and plan a safe route. Stick to the route you know.
- Find a good place to cross, this should be away from parked cars and have good visibility in both directions.
- Be bright and be seen, the more you stand out the more drivers will see you and slow down
- Be careful of driveways and narrow entrances.
- Stay alert and pay attention at all times.
- Use the clearly marked path to walk into the playground.



### **Tips to keep you safe when cycling and scooting to school:**

Where children can do so safely, we actively encourage children to bike or scoot to school. Please feel free to bring your bike or scooter and make use of our bike and scooter shelters. The school cannot take any responsibility for any bikes or scooters left here so you will need to bring a lock.

- Plan your route to and from school with an adult first.
- Wear a helmet and wear something bright.
- Ride in a position you can see and be seen.
- No cycling or scooting in the playground between 8.30am and 9am and between 3pm and 3.30pm.
- Consider other pedestrians around the school gate. Use your bell if necessary to warn others that you are there.
- -Maintain your bike. Check your brakes and tyre pressure. Guides can be found online by Cycling Scotland.
- -Use the clearly marked path to walk into the playground. Push your bike or scooter along with you.



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### **If you are taking the car:**

- Plan ahead and give yourself plenty of time in order to account for any unexpected delays, please give yourself time to find a responsible place to park.
- Park and stride – parking 5 or 10 minutes away from the school will help in tackling congestion.
- Keep your speeds low.
- Always let your child out on the pavement side.
- Do not park on yellow lines or other parking restrictions or in front of people's driveways.
- Check for other road users before you or your child open the car door.
- Set a good example by teaching your child about road safety.
- Do not use the school car park to drop off or collect pupils.
- Use the clearly marked paths for children to walk safely into the playground.



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